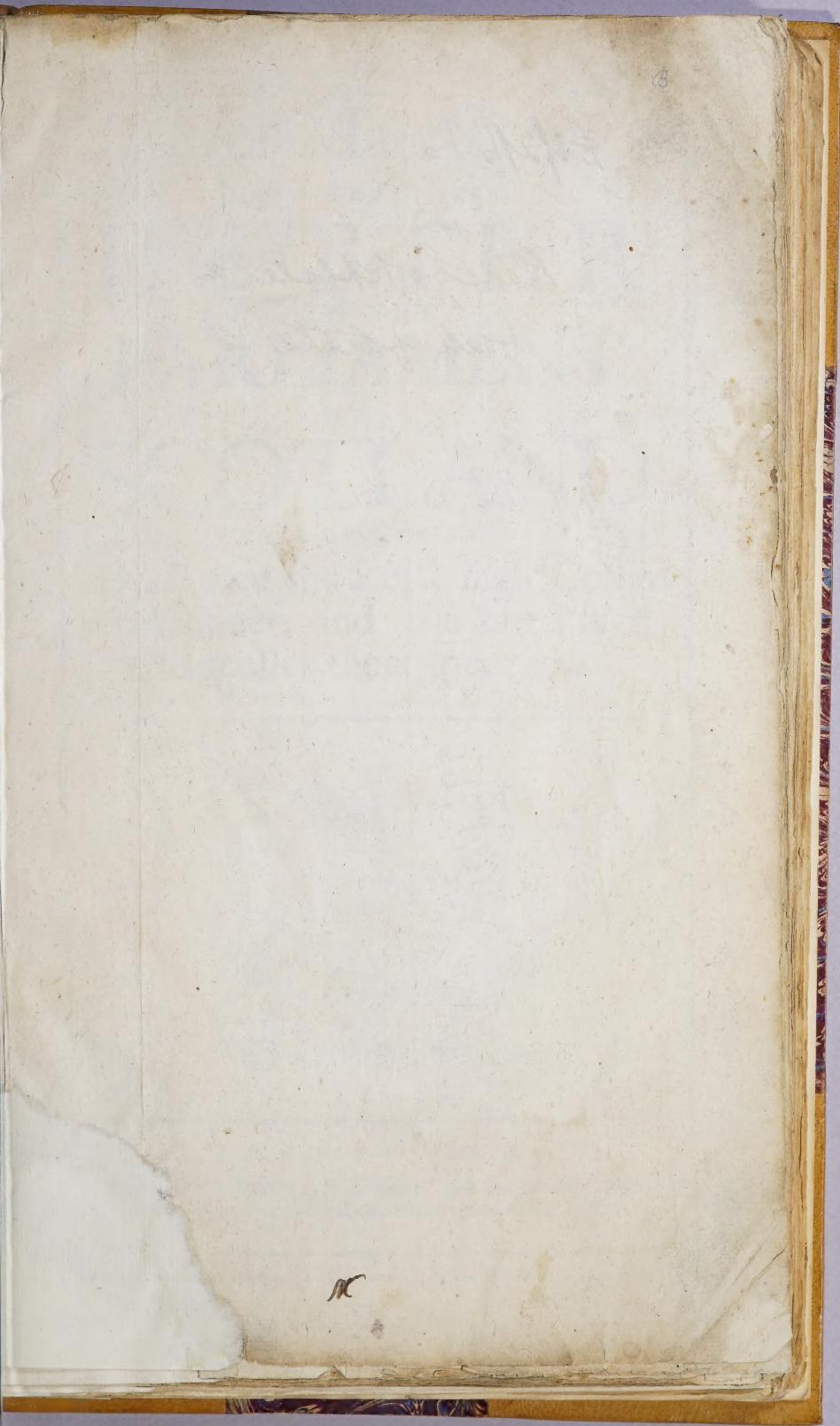




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Her Majesties MOST GRACIOUS S P E E C H To both Houses of PARLIAMENT

My Lords and Gentlemen.

It is with the greatest satisfaction, that I have given my assent to a Bill, for the Uniting *England* and *Scotland* into one Kingdom.

I consider this UNION as a Matter of the greatest Importance to the Wealth, Strength and Safety of the whole Island; And at the same time, as a Work of so much Difficulty and Nicety, in its own nature; That till now, all Attempts, which have been made toward it, in the course of above 100 Years have proved ineffectual: And therefore I make no doubt, but it will be remembred and spoke of hereafter, to the Honour of thole who have been instrumental in bringing it to such an happy Conclusion.

I desire and expect from all my Subjects of both Nations, that from henceforth, they act with all possible Respect and Kindnes to one another, That so it may appear to all the World, they have Hearts disposed to become one People.

This will be a great pleasure to Me, and will make us all quickly sensible of the good effect of this UNION.

And I cannot but look upon it as a particular Happiness, That in my Reign so full a Provision is made, for the Peace and Quiet of my People, and for the Security of Our Religion, by so firm an Establishment of the Protestant Succession, throughout Great-Brittain:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have this occasion to remind you of making effectual Provision for the Payment of the Equivalent to *Scotland*, within the time appointed by this Act; And I am perswaded you'll show as much readiness in this particular, as you have done in all the other parts of this great Work.

My Lords and Gentlemen.

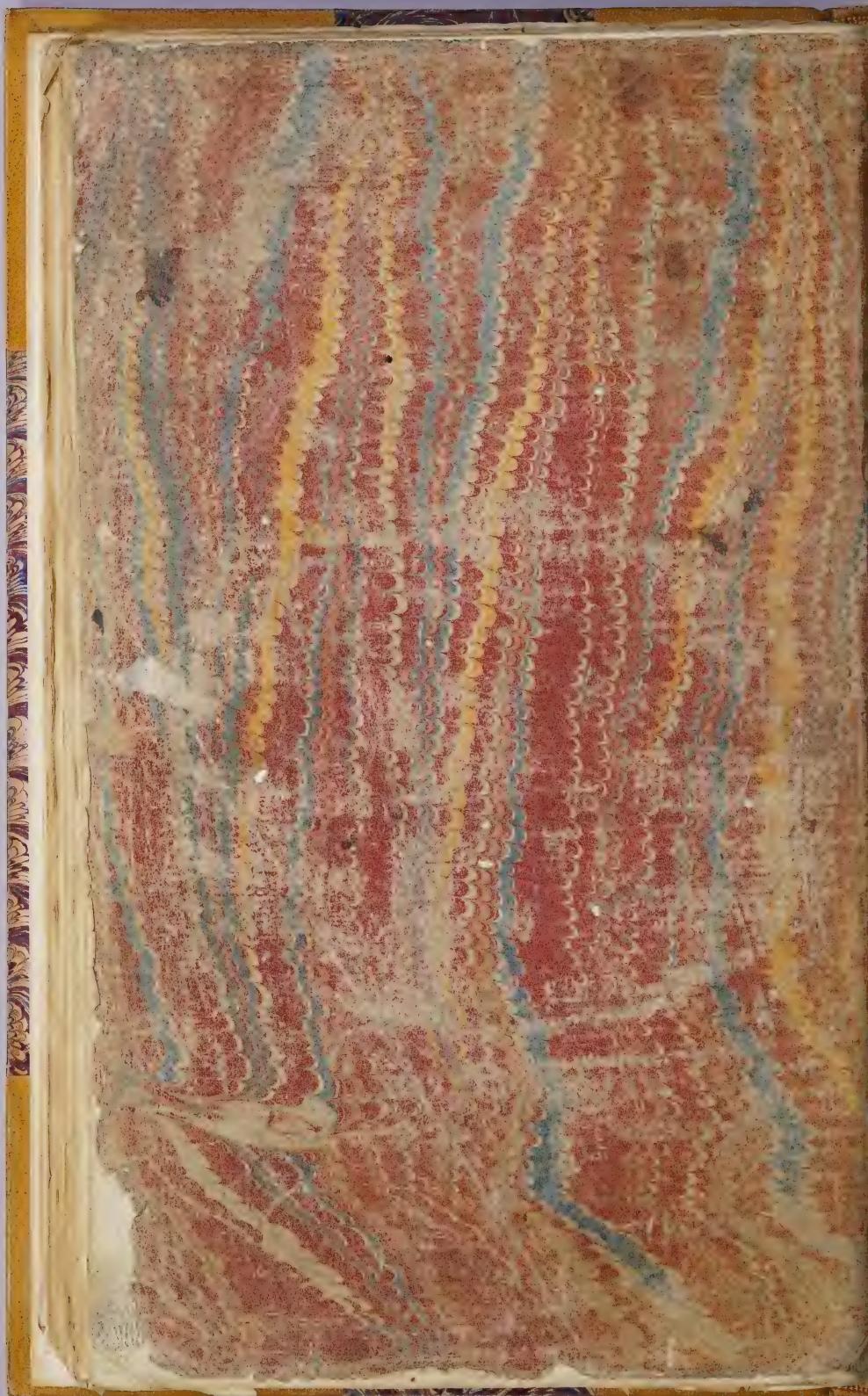
The Season of the Year being now pretty far advanced, I hope you will continue the same Zeal which has appeared throughout this Session, in dispatching what yet remains unfinished of the Publick Business before you.

March 6. 1707.

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